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## Bill Analysis

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### SUMMARY

- Renames the “Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program” as the “Ohio National Guard and United States Armed Forces Reserve Scholarship Program.”
- Extends scholarship eligibility to U.S. Armed Forces reservists.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Rename and expand National Guard Scholarship Program

The bill renames the “Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program” as the “Ohio National Guard and United States Armed Forces Reserve Scholarship Program.” It further extends scholarship eligibility to any member of the reserve components of the U.S. Armed Forces.<sup>1</sup> The U.S. Armed Forces includes the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Space Force, Coast Guard, and any other military service branch designated by Congress as part of the armed forces.<sup>2</sup>

#### Background

Current law qualifies for a scholarship any member of the Ohio National Guard who does not have a bachelor’s degree and who is enrolled in at least three credit hours of coursework in a semester or quarter in:

1. A two- or four-year degree or nursing diploma program at a state or private institution of higher education; or

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5919.34 to 5919.342.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 5910.01, not in the bill.

2. A credential-certifying, licensing, trade certification, or apprenticeship program for an in-demand occupation.<sup>3</sup>

A scholarship is available to a recipient for up to 12 full-time quarters or 8 full-time semesters, equivalent to four years of study.<sup>4</sup>

Under continuing law, a scholarship must cover 100% of the tuition and general fees of recipients enrolled at state institutions. For recipients enrolled at private institutions, the scholarship amount is based on the average tuition and general fees charged by state universities.<sup>5</sup> If the appropriations for the scholarship program for a fiscal year are not adequate to provide full scholarships, the Chancellor of Higher Education must reduce the amount of each scholarship. Each state and private institution must provide a grant or waive to cover the reduced amount.<sup>6</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 5919.34(A)(2).

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 5919.34(E).

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 5919.34(D)(1).

<sup>6</sup> R.C. 5919.34(J).